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1. SPEAKING TO SMALL ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD FROM MONEDA BALCONY
FOR 45 MINUTES TONIGHT, PRES ALLENDE RENDERED HOMAGE TO LOAYLTY
OF ARMED FORCES WHO PUT DOWN TODAY'S INSURRECTION, AND PARTICULARLY
TO ONE SOLDIER AND FIVE CIVILIANS KILLED AND TO TWENTY-ONE
CIVILIANS AND ELEVEN MILITARY WOUNDED. HE RECOUNTED EVENTS
SINCE CALLED AT RESIDENCE AT 0855 BY UNDERSEC INTERIOR VERGARA,
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WHO REPORTED TANKS SURROUNDING MONEDA AND ALLTHERE WOULD DO

THEIR DUTY. ALLENDE DREW LOUD CHEERS AS HE DESCRIBED RAISING OF FLAG OVER MONEDA AS TANKS THREATENED, AND AS HE QUOTED CARABINERO OFFICERS' REFUSAL TO SURRENDER.

2. ALLENDE DESCRIBED INSURRECTION AS ATTEMPT BY SMALL UNIT OF 2ND ARMORED REGIMENT, LED BY COMMANDER WHO WAS TO HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND IS NOW IN JAIL. HE RELATED EVENTS TO COUP PLOTTING DENOUNCED YESTERDAY BY GENERAL SEPULVEDA AND DESCRIBED IN MORE DETAIL BY MINDEFENSE TOHA TO SENATE (SANTIAGO 2848 NOTAL), STRESSING THAT FACTS OF TODAY HAVE GIVEN ANSWER TO THOSE WHO VOICED DOUBTS ABOUT REALITY OF PLOTTING.

3. PRESIDENT STRESSED PERSONAL HEROISM TODAY OF ARMY CINC PRATS, WHO PERSONALLY TOOK SURRENDER OF FOUR TANKS AMONG ATTACKERS AND WAS IN DANGER OF BEING SHOT BY FIFTH WHO REFUSED TO SURRENDER. PRATS WAS AT MONEDA, IN COMPANY OF AIR FORCE CINC RUIZ, NAVY CINC MONTERO, AND CARABINEROS ACTING CINC VIVEROS, WHEN ALLENDE GOT TO MONEDA, WHILE SNIPER FIRING STILL GOING ON. ALLENDE SAID HEAVY DAMAGE TAKEN BOTH BY MONEDA AND DEFENSE MINISTRY.

4. IN EARLY AFTERNOON ALL WAS NOT QUIET, ALLENDE SAID, AS RADIO PORTALAS TRANSMITTER DYNAMITED. SOME CIVILIAN COWARDS NOW BEATING ON DOORS OF FOREIGN EMBASSIES, HE SAID, TO SEEK ASYLUM. IMMENSE MAJORITY OF THESE ARE MEMBERS OF RIGHT WING PATRIA Y LIBERTAD, WHICH HE SAID IS AN ILLEGAL ASSOCIATION GROSSLY MISNAMED. PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED THAT NOT ALL OPPOSITION ARE FASCISTS OR GOLPISTAS, HOWEVER,

5. ALLENDE SAID HE IS NOT GOING TO CLOSE CONGRESS, BUT IF NECESSARY HE WILL SEND BILL TO CALL PLEBISCITE. REVOLUTION IN CHILE WILL TAKE ITS OWN WAY IN DEMOCRACY AND LIBERTY. HOWEVER, ALLENDE STRESSED, THERE WILL BE NO TOLERATION FOR SUBVERSIVES, FASCISTS AND ANTI-DEMOCRATS. PEOPLE'S POWER MUST BE ACHIEVED, I.E., POWER OF PEOPLE TOGETHER WITH THEIR GOVT. IN CLOSING HE CALLED ON PEOPLE TO RETURN TO WORK TOMORROW TO MAKE UP FOR JUNE 21 RALLY AND DESCRIBED MESSAGES OF SUPPORT RECEIVED TODAY INCLUDING FROM DRVN (BELOW). HE TOLD LISTENERS TO GO HOME QUIETLY AND TO AVOID UNCLASSIFIED

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PROVOCATIONS FROM ROAMING FASCIST GROUPS. LATTER POINT EMPHASIZED BY TWO LOUD EXPLOSIONS HEARD THROUGHOUT DOWNTOWN DURING CLOSING PORTION OF SPEECH.

6. SPEECH WAS PRECEDED BY SERIES OF ANNOUNCEMENTS BY OIR SPOKESMAN: (A) CONGRATULATORY PHONE CALLS RECEIVED BY ALLENDE FROM PRES CAMPORA OF ARGENTINA AND PRES ECHEVERRIA OF MEXICO, AND TELEGRAM FROM PRIMO CASTRO OF CUBA; (B) CURFEW

IMPOSED IN SANTIAGO PROVINCE FROM 2300 TO 0630; (C) COLOMBIAN
RADIO NET OF 80 STATIONS PLUGGED IN TO CARRY ALLENDE SPEECH
LIVE. AFTER SPEECH ALL STATIONS ASKED TO JOIN OBLIGATORY
OIR HOOKUP FOUR TIMES TONIGHT HOURLY FROM 2030.
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